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these cattle to take back out to the feedlot. Would they then come under the rate setting?

SENATOR WARNER: I understand not.

SENATOR EPKE: Well, they'd change hands. They're out of first hands.

SENATOR WARNER: Oh well, the wording...I don't believe it says first hand, does it? If you read the amendment, Senator Epke, it says charges for such transportation paid for by the owner-manager-employee of such a ranch and if a farmer, another feeder brought the cattle back, he would be paying for the....I assume he would be paying for the trucking back out so it would be under his control.

SENATOR EPKE: Well, suppose they were bought by an order buyer for a feedlot that was feeding some cattle for a packer.

SENATOR WARNER: I would guess not. I can't....you've got four transaction, Walt. I don't believe....if the packer is the owner, then I would say no for sure.

SENATOR EPKE: I think right here we've sorta brought out a point that the amendment completely confuses the issue. And for this reason I certainly would oppose this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson. Were you finished, Senator Epke? Were you finished? I didn't mean to cut you short. Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Body. I have a question of Senator Warner. I don't know how you got involved in supporting Senator Carpenter's amendment but you're it.

SENATOR WARNER: Pardon?

SENATOR DICKINSON: I don't know how you got involved in carrying Senator Carpenter's amendment. It's a tough job. Presumably the reason for exempting the hauling of farm produce in second hands is being able to charge a higher rate, the commission to set a rate which we could rightly assume might be higher than a farmer would negotiate directly with a hauler. Is that reason for allowing that public service commission to establish rates for this produce after it leaves first hands?

SENATOR WARNER: I would assume that the reason to negotiate or to set rates in this case would be the identical reason that you set rates for other common carriers by the Public Service Commission. To that extent, the answer is yes.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I...I...okay, I'm assuming that....
I would suggest then that this...that in effect no matter
who pays this assumed higher rate directly. It's going to
reflect back on the original owner of the product to be
hauled. And it really isn't going to make any difference
and I think it's a foot in the door to get what some of
them have been trying to get for a long time. And I too